

AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR

The national POW/MIA Recognition Day is the third Friday in September. However, Rolling Thunder provides for hosting all former prisoners of war and their families at the Andersonville Ex-POW Museum on that weekend, and many of our members take full advantage of that. In deference to this situation, the Tennessee Valley Healthcare System provided their annual luncheon at the Town Centre in Smyrna on September 14. There was an excellent program, delicious food, and a congenial gathering of members.

We participated in Operation Stand Down, having been involved from its beginning. They celebrated 20 years of this service to our homeless veterans, and presented plaques to each organization which has assisted all of these years.

We also took part in the Veterans Day Parade, with our 93-year-old member, Verner Dean, who has walked in every parade until last year, being recognized as Co-Grand Marshal, Military. Our Christmas lunch will again be at Richland Country Club, at which time we swear in our officers for the coming year. With the age and infirmity of many of our members, the same officers were reelected for 2013. They will be installed at the Christmas meeting.

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